

# Instruction Manual

SWEEMAR SCOPE

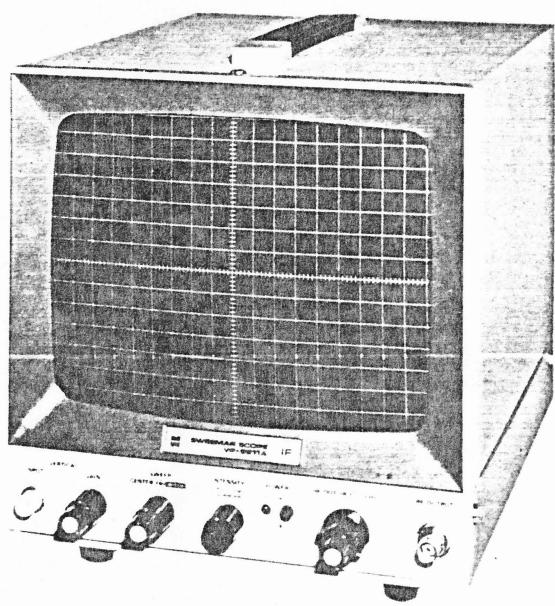
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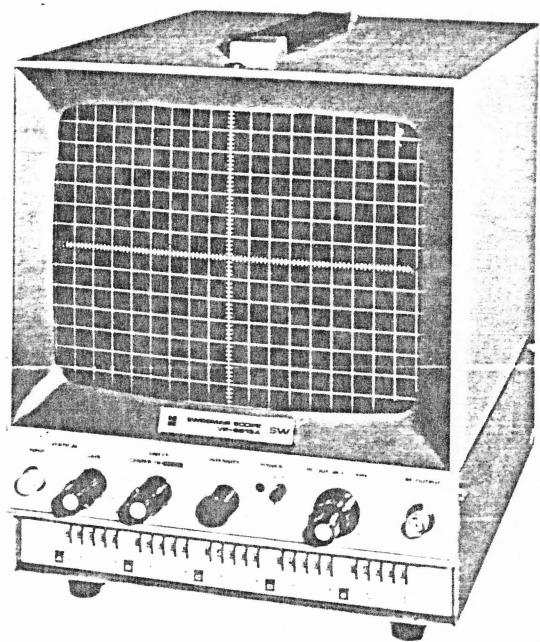
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 **National**



VP-8911A IF Band



VP-8912A LW-MW Band

VP-8913A SW Band

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## Section 1. CHECKING FOR PROPER LINE VOLTAGE AND PROTECTING ATTENUATOR

### AC power supply

The Sweemar Scope in this series is designed to operate on a 100 V, 115 V, 215 V, or a 230 V AC power supply depending on position of line voltage selector. The unit is normally shipped from the factory set to operate on a line voltage of 100 V.

When a modification is made to permit the unit to be operated at a voltage other than 100 V, a tag indicating the prescribed voltage is attached to the end of the power cord.

The voltage range indicated by the arrow of the line voltage selector plug located on the rear panel of this unit is the operating voltage. Prior to use, make certain this indication matches the line voltage.

### Protecting attenuator

The attenuator circuit used in the units of this series is electronic, and compared to the older units, is much easier to handle, however, an external voltage applied to the output cable terminal may destroy the attenuator circuit. Be particularly careful not to let any voltage potential contact with this terminal.

## Section 2. GENERAL

### 2.1 General description and features

The Sweemar Scope VP-8910A series has combined the sweep signal generator, monitor scope, and the variable marker circuit into one cabinet, and as a sweep signal generator, possesses a number of new functions.

One of the shortcomings found in the previous sweep signal generators has been the difficulty in changing the marker frequency. This has been solved by use of the digital - type variable marker circuit. The digital switch located under the front panel may be changed in steps of 1 kHz in the LW-MW and the SW band, and in 10 kHz steps in the FM band. This allows the user to freely make the desired marker frequency settings and readings, while the accuracy and stability of the crystal resonator type marker is maintained. Consequently, maintenance for marker frequency change is not necessary, effectively increasing the in-use time of the equipment.

Also, the 9-inch, large screen monitor included in one cabinet has made a smaller and more lightly constructed unit available than conventional "genescopes". The cables required to this SweemarScope are only two, one from sweep signal output and the other for detected signal from the device being measured, making the reshuffle of the equipment due to changes in the production line more simple. The units may also be used effectively on the workbench.

Other features include a sweep signal output (RF signal) of 100 mVrms, built-in 80 dB electronic attenuator which may also be remotely controlled, and the accuracy of the tracking adjustment has been increased by slowing down the sweep rate only in the areas close to the marker frequencies.

Such new functions make this sweep signal generator with monitor valuable for assembly of radios, filters, and other components.

Features:

- 1 Built-in digital-type variable marker generator circuit.
- 2 High-precision, highly stable marker.
- 3 Marker circuit covering a wide range of frequency.
- 4 High-precision tracking measurement.
- 5 Built-in electronic-type attenuator which may be controlled remotely.
- 6 Combined monitorscope.
- 7 A series covering all radio frequency bands.

## 2.2 Specifications

	VP-8911A		AP-8912A	VP-8913A	VP-8914A			
Sweep frequency								
Frequency range	415~ 485kHz	10.25~ 11.15MHz	130~ 1,800kHz	1.5~ 29.9MHz	75~ 110MHz			
Center frequency range	445~ 465kHz	10.55~ 10.85MHz	180~ 1,700kHz	2.5~ 29MHz	76.5~ 108.5MHz			
Sweep width	25~60kHz	0.4~ 0.9MHz	0.3~ 1.5MHz	2~15MHz	3~35MHz			
Band selector	NORM-AM PULL-FM							
Sweep output								
Output voltage	100dB (0.1Vrms) into 50Ω band							
Output impedance	50Ω							
Attenuator	10 dB steps, 7 ranges 0 to 10dB continuously variable							
Marker section								
Frequency	455kHz ±5kHz, ±10kHz	10.7MHz ±75kHz, ±150kHz	Any frequency within the sweep range					
Setting	Fixed	Fixed	4-digit digital switch	5-digit digital switch				
Minimum interval			1kHz	10kHz				
Frequency accuracy	±0.01%		±0.05%					
Number of markers	5 points simultaneous							
Marker type	Intensity modulation							
Monitor section								
Sweep repetition rate	25Hz/30Hz							
Sweep waveform	Sawtooth wave							
Duty cycle	Approx. 1 : 19							
Vertical axis sensitivity	10 mV/DIV. variable							
Vertical axis frequency range	DC ~ 5 kHz (5 DIV.)							
Vertical axis input impedance	Approx. 500 kΩ							
Horizontal axis amplitude	Over 17 DIV. (Fixed)							
CRT	9-inch, 90° electro-magnetic deflection cathode-ray tube							
Power supply								
Voltage	100V, 115V, 215V, 230V each ±10%							
Frequency	50Hz/60Hz							
Power consumption	less than 45 VA							

	VP-8911A	VP-8912A	VP-8913A	VP-8914A
Dimensions/Weights				
Height	230mm		260mm	
Width		225mm		
Depth		310mm		
Weight		Less than 8 kg		
Accessories	Hood	1		
	Fuse	1		
	Instruction manual	1		
	AF cable (red)	1		
	RF cable (black)	1		

### Section 3. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 3.1 Installation

Prior to permanently installing the Sweemar Scope on the workbench, the following items should be noted.

A location should be selected where reflections from the lighting in the area will not make the CRT display hard to watch. The accessory hood may be used to eliminate most reflections. (Refer to Section 3., Item 3.5). The stand attached to the bottom plate may also be used to make the CRT easier to see.

#### 3.2 Checking the power supply

Prior to performing the operational check, make certain the AC power supply voltage to the workbench is matched with the main power supply setting of the unit and that the rating of the fuse is correct.

##### 3.2.1 Setting main power supply voltage

The Sweemar Scope series is designed to be operated with power supply voltages of 100 V, 115 V, 215 V, or 230 V by changing the connection of line voltage selector located on the rear panel. The voltage the unit has been set at is indicated by the arrow located in the LINE VOLTAGE indicator plate on the rear panel. If it does not agree with the line voltage to be used, it should be set using the following procedures.

1. Remove the LINE VOLTAGE indicator plate from the rear panel of the unit.
2. Pull out the plug with the arrow on it, turn it to the correct voltage indication and re-insert it.

3. Make certain the LINE VOLTAGE plate is tightened down before using the unit.

### 3.2.2 Main power supply fuse rating

A fuse is built into the fuse holder fixed to the rear panel, to which the main power supply cord is connected.

When changing the voltage of the main power supply, or using the equipment for the first time, always make certain the power supply voltage and the fuse rating is correct.

Main power supply voltage	Fuse rating	Fuse designation
100 - 115V	1 ampere	125V, 1A
215 - 230V	0.5 ampere	250V, 0.5A

### 3.3 Controls and Connectors

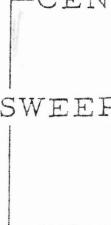
A front and rear panel diagram is included in the folding pages located at the back of this manual. The numbers used in the explanation that follows correspond to the numbers of the controls and connectors in the diagram and should be referred to while the nomenclature and operating procedure is explained in this section.

#### Front panel

- ① RF OUTPUT ..... Sweep signal output terminal. An output voltage of 100 mVrms ( $50\Omega$  load termination) may be obtained with all models of the series.
- ② ATT dB ..... 10 dB step attenuator. Turning this control counterclockwise provides 70 dB of attenuation. Since it is an electronic type attenuator, remote control of

attenuation is possible by removing the switch and level controller from front panel and using an extension cord.

③ LEVEL ..... Dual shaft consisting of the 10 dB continuously variable attenuator and the step attenuator. The inner shaft is the 10 dB continuously variable attenuator, and the outer shaft is the step attenuator. Turning the control clockwise reduces the attenuation and increases the level.

④  CENTER ..... This control adjusts the center frequency of the sweep signal oscillation. Turning the control clockwise increases the frequency.

⑤ WIDTH ..... This control is used to adjust the sweep frequency range of the sweep signal oscillation. Turning the control clockwise makes the sweep width wider and the space between the markers more narrow.

⑥ INTENSITY ..... This control adjusts the intensity of the brightness on the monitor. Turning the control clockwise increases the intensity.

⑦ PULL-FM ..... NORM-AM This function is only available on the VP-8911A IF Sweemar Scope. In the pushed-in position, AM-IF is obtained from the RF output terminal, and in the pulled-out position, FM-IF is obtained. This switch also serves as the INTENSITY control, with the intensity being adjustable while the switch is in either position.

⑧ (Power pilot) ..... This lamp lights when the power is ON.

⑨ POWER ..... When the power switch is in the  position, the power is ON, in the  position, the power is OFF. The power is OFF when the shaft is popped out.

⑩ GAIN ..... This is the gain control for the vertical axis. Turning the control all the way to clockwise brings it to a calibrated sensitivity of 10 mV/DIV. Counter-clockwise (CCW) rotation lessens the sensitivity, and if turned completely CCW, over 40 dB of attenuation is obtained.

⑪  ..... This is the vertical position control for the monitor. Turning the control clockwise moves the trace toward the top of the screen.

⑫ V. INPUT ..... This is the input terminal to the vertical axis of the monitor. Because of its high input impedance, approximately  $500\text{ k}\Omega$ , it affects the device being measured very little.

⑬ (Digital switch) .... This switch is used for setting the marker frequency in the variable type marker circuit. Provided on all units except the VP-8911A IF Sweemarscope, the details and operating procedure may be described in Item 3.4 of this manual.

Rear panel

- ⑭ (Power cord) ..... This is the main power cord and is fitted with a 3-prong grounded plug.
- ⑮ FUSE ..... This is the primary-side fuse. The rating of the fuse used should be in accordance with the main power voltage.
- ⑯ (Ground terminal) .. The ground terminal provided on the cabinet should always be connected to ground for safety.
- ⑰ LINE ..... This plug and socket type device is used VOLTAGE selector to convert the voltage of power transformer primary winding of the unit to make it operate from a deferent voltage. The plate is fixed on by two screws, and the voltage indicated by the arrow is the voltage the unit is presently set to operate at.

### 3.4 Operating procedure

#### 3.4.1 General operations

(1) Prior to turning on the power switch, set all the controls to the positions indicated below.

Front panel	Controls	Position				
	ATT dB	100 dB				
	LEVEL	CAL				
	SWEEP	<table><tr><td>CENTER</td><td>Center</td></tr><tr><td>WIDTH</td><td>Fully clockwise (CW)</td></tr></table>	CENTER	Center	WIDTH	Fully clockwise (CW)
CENTER	Center					
WIDTH	Fully clockwise (CW)					
	INTENSITY	Fully counterclockwise (CCW)				
	GAIN	Anywhere				
		Center				
Rear panel	LINE VOLTAGE	Set to line voltage				

(2) Press the POWER ON.OFF switch.

(3) Watching the CRT screen, adjust the INTENSITY to a level easy to see. Since the horizontal axis is connected internally in the unit, no horizontal position or horizontal gain adjustments will be necessary. The vertical position is adjusted by turning the control with a  mark on it. Set it to the proper position.

#### 3.4.2 Setting marker frequency

(1) The marker frequency is pre-set internally in model VP-8911A IF SweemarScope and needs no further attention. Whereas on the other models, the setting is made using the digital switches located under the front panel.

(2) The digital switches are divided into five divisions by every 4 or 5 digits with each division being indicated with the letters A, B, C, D, and E from the left respectively, and the frequency units are noted with the marks MHz or kHz.

(3) When setting the marker frequency, always start with the lowest value in the A division, assigning the lowest marker frequency in this division. Then working toward the right, gradually set the frequency to a higher setting.

(4) Since the digital switch has no locking mechanism, it may be set on any value from 0 to 9, however, it should be set within the sweep frequency range for each of the A, B, C, D, or E divisions. When set outside this range, the marker will fail to appear or it could result in an error in the operations. When this happens, returning the digital switch back to a value within the sweep frequency range will restore normal operations.

(5) Some of the errors that may occur due to a faulty frequency setting are;

(a) The digital switch being set to a value lower than the sweep frequency range will result in the marker being at the left edge of the trace. A correct value will not be indicated in this case.

(b) The digital switch being set to a value higher than the sweep frequency range will result in the marker disappearing off the right hand side of the screen.

(c) If the digital switches in both A and B divisions are set to the same value, the two markers will not overlap, but appear apart with a fixed space between them. When the A division digital switch is gradually set higher, the B marker will move to the right as if it were being pushed. Naturally this will result in an error.

- (6) When the markers have a fixed space between them, the digital switch of the lowest frequency marker must be set to the far left position and digital switches of higher frequencies must be set toward the right as noted in (3) above in order to restore normal operations.
- (7) The marker to marker space cannot be set smaller than a certain value due to circuit design. This smallest marker to marker space is also relative to the sweep frequency range, and is obtained as a value of (sweep signal frequency range)/40.
- (8) If sweep width of RF signal is more than five times the lowest set marker frequency, markers may flicker. In this case operation can be restored to normal by making the sweep width narrower with the SWEEP WIDTH control.

#### 3.4.3 Setting sweep signal frequency range

- (1) Starting from the left side A of the digital switch and working toward the right, increase the setting values in order of A, B, C, D, and E.
- (2) When these 5 point markers are all set and displayed on the screen, adjust the SWEEP CENTER and the WIDTH controls located on the front panel.
- (3) This completes the setting of the sweep signal frequency.

#### 3.4.4 Measurement procedure

- (1) The output voltage should be taken from the RF OUTPUT connector through either a loop antenna or RF cable attached as accessory, and then applied to the device to be measured. The output voltage of the units in this series is 100 mVrms when terminated by  $50\Omega$  load.

- (2) The signal from the device being measured is passed through a detector, then applied to the V INPUT connector of Sweemar Scope.
- (3) The attenuator value should be adjusted appropriately so that the device being measured does not receive excessive input. Also V. GAIN and the vertical positioning control of the monitor section should be set for the trace on the screen to be watched easily.
- (4) Tracking adjustments may be made by changing the tuned frequency of the device being measured.

#### 3.4.5 Notes on measuring

##### General

When using a sweep signal generator to make tracking adjustments, the amplitude of the characteristic curve on the screen will appear lower than it actually is. This amplitude drop would be compared with the measurement value obtained by using a standard signal generator by using the equation below.

$$a = \left[ 1 + 0.195 \left( \frac{F}{TB^2} \right)^2 \right]^{-\frac{1}{4}}$$

a : level drop ratio  
 F : Sweep frequency width (Hz)  
 T : Sweep rate (sec)  
 B : 3 dB bandwidth (Hz) of the device being measured.

The apparent bandwidth is calculated by the following equation.

$$= \frac{B}{a^2}$$

a : The level drop ratio obtained from the above equation.  
 B : 3 dB bandwidth (Hz) of the device being measured.

To make accurate measurements, it would be better to have slower sweep speed and narrower sweep width. However, in an actual measurement, there is a limit due to flicker of the trace and increase in measurement time.

For the ideal tracking adjustment in a radio receiver;

- (1) Rotate dial of the radio receiver under test to tune it to a desired frequency.
- (2) With the radio receiver left in the same state, apply the RF OUTPUT signal and observe the characteristic curve. Position the characteristic curve in the center of the screen by making sweep width narrow.
- (3) The characteristic curve should appear on the screen as shown in the Fig. 3-4-1 below. Now changing the setting value of the digital marker switch, bring the marker to the highest point of the characteristic curve.
- (4) Then restore the sweep width to normal by adjusting SWEEP WIDTH control.
- (5) Sometimes marker may be seen shifted from top of the characteristic curve as shown in Fig. 3-4-2.
- (6) In this case, move the marker to the top by resetting the digital marker switch as shown Fig. 3-4-3.
- (7) This state faithfully represents the tracking marker, by this sweep generator, taking every factor like sweep time, bandwidth, delay etc. into consideration.

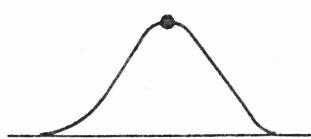


Fig. 3-4-1

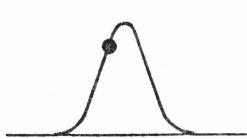


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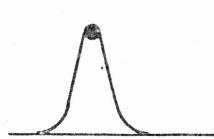


Fig. 3-4-3

The units in this series are swept by a sawtooth wave of 1/2 the line frequency (duty cycle 19:1), and have brought the sweep rate down to near the limit of flicker.

At marker points, sweep speed of horizontal sweep signal and sweep oscillation drive signal are slowed down for period of 1 msec, resulting in magnified amplitude of characteristic curve at marker points and more accurate marker frequencies.

### 3.5 Attaching light shield hood

The light shield hood is included as an accessory, and should be mounted on the unit to block unwanted light and make the screen easier to see. It is attached by the procedures listed below.

- (1) Loosen 3 of the outer cabinet fastening screws from around the front panel. (1 on the top, and 1 on each side.)
- (2) Match the hood to the 3 screws and push it back as far as it will go. Tighten the screws.

## Section 4. MAINTENANCE

### 4.1 Adjusting inclination of trace

The horizontal trace may appear inclined on the screen due to the effects of earth magnetism etc. This will vary depending on the particular location the unit is used. However, when the horizontal trace is not parallel to the horizontal graticule, it must be adjusted using the following procedure.

- (1) Remove the two screws from the top of the cabinet.

#### NOTE DANGER

The high-voltage CRT accelerator circuit is located inside this portion of the cabinet. Be particularly careful not to make contact with it.

- (2) Loosen the hook-screw holding the deflection-yoke on the neck of the CRT. While observing the screen, bring the horizontal trace parallel to the horizontal graticule by rotating the deflection yoke in extremely small increments.
- (3) When it is accurately matched, tighten up the hook-screw holding the deflection yoke. When doing this, tighten up the hook-screw while pushing the yoke gently toward the screen side to prevent it from slipping off onto the socket of the tube.

### 4.2 Cleaning graticule plate

When the graticule plate becomes dirty, brightness of the tube is sharply reduced and the display becomes hard to see. It should be cleaned periodically.

- (1) Removal

The graticule plate is held in at the four points indicated by

the arrows in Fig. 4.2.1. The plate is removed by pressing in and rotating it either right or left.

(2) Cleaning

The front and rear of the graticule plate, and the screen of the CRT should be cleaned using a clean, dry cloth. Do not use alcohol, tetrachlorides, acetone, or other organic solvents.

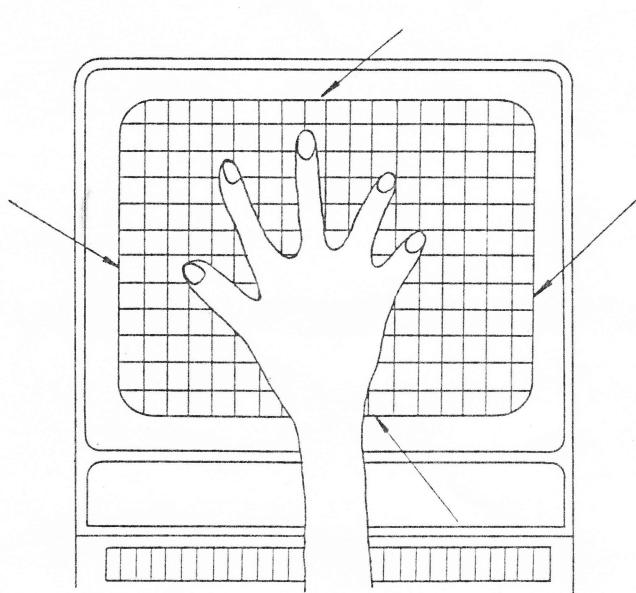


Fig. 4.2.1

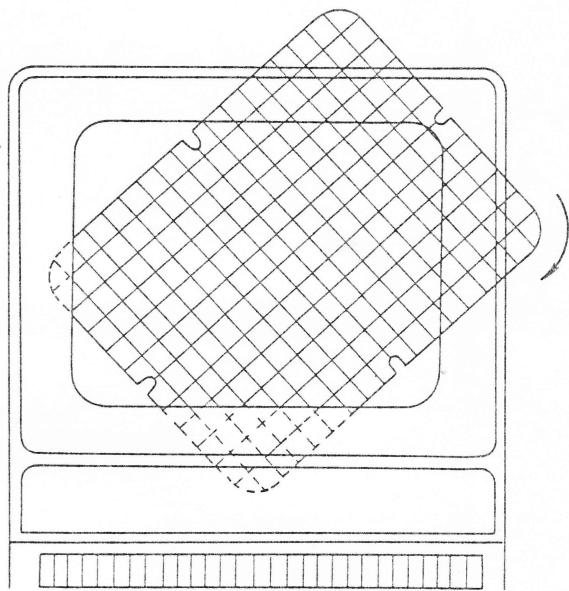


Fig. 4.2.2

(3) Installation

The corners of the plate should be slipped between the frame and the screen as shown in Fig. 4.2.2, and then rotated slowly in the direction of the arrow. The indentations cut into each edge of the plate will fit into projections behind the panel. When the plate is correctly installed, there should be very little movement in the plate. Check and make sure that the graticule plate fits in the frame.

### 4.3 Maintenance precautions

This section covers the procurement of parts, special precautions in replacing parts, and service.

#### 4.3.1 Procurement of spare parts

The electrical components and the mechanical parts for the units of this series may be obtained from the dealer from whom this instrument is obtained.

#### 4.3.2 Special precautions in replacing parts

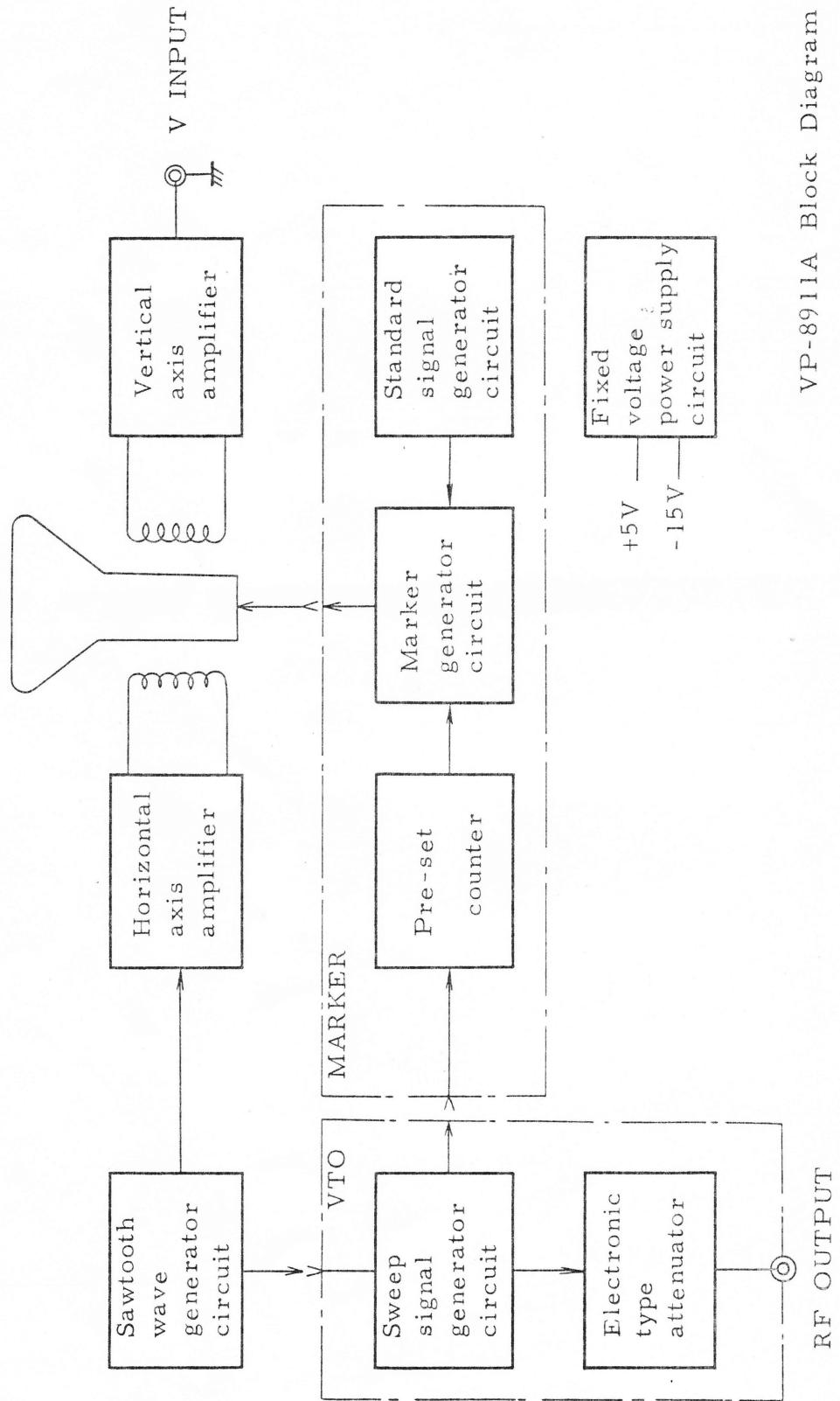
As a rule, the manufacturer recommends that the unit be shipped to one of its service centers qualified to make repairs on the unit when it is in need of service. The owner choosing to replace parts himself should note the following items.

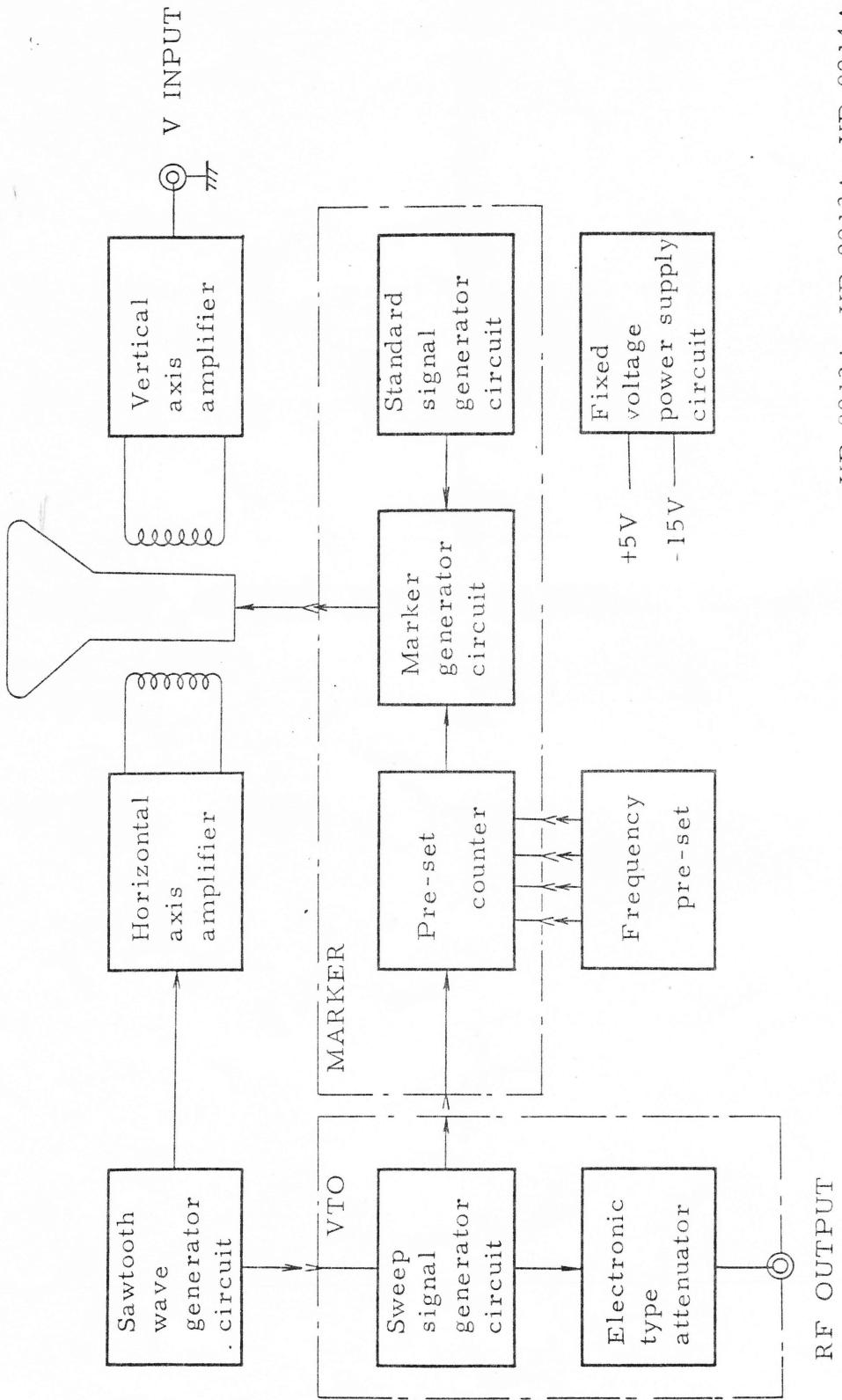
- (1) The hfe designation rank of the transistors.
- (2) The working voltage of the electrolytic capacitors.
- (3) The wattage rating of the fixed resistors.

#### 4.3.3 Communications with service center

When it becomes necessary to write to or otherwise contact one of the service centers concerning your unit, the following data should be included.

- o Model (VP-8911A etc.)
- o Serial number of the set (Label on rear panel)
- o Symptoms





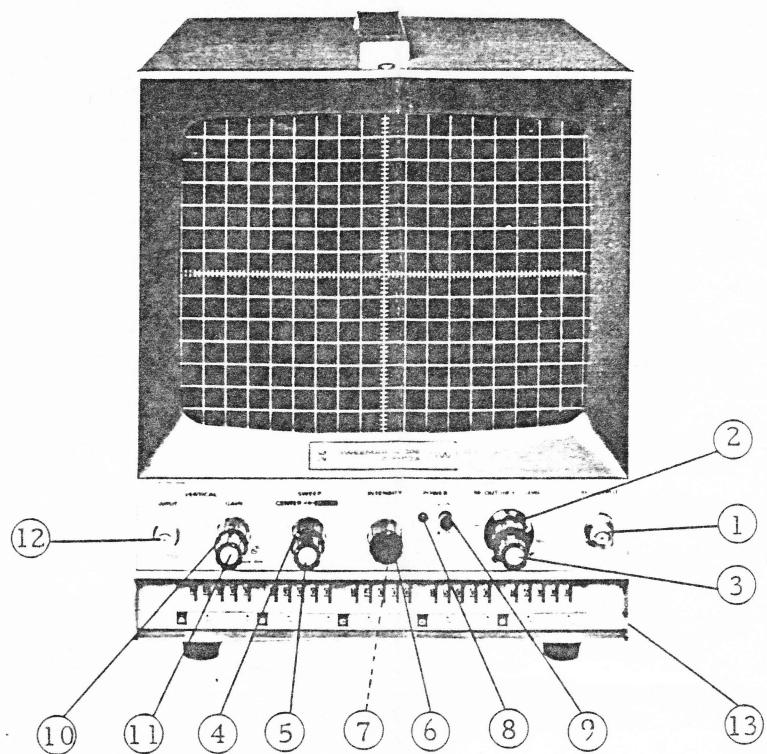
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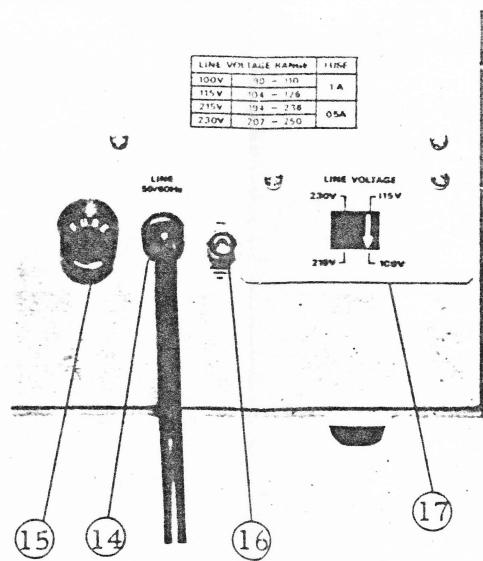
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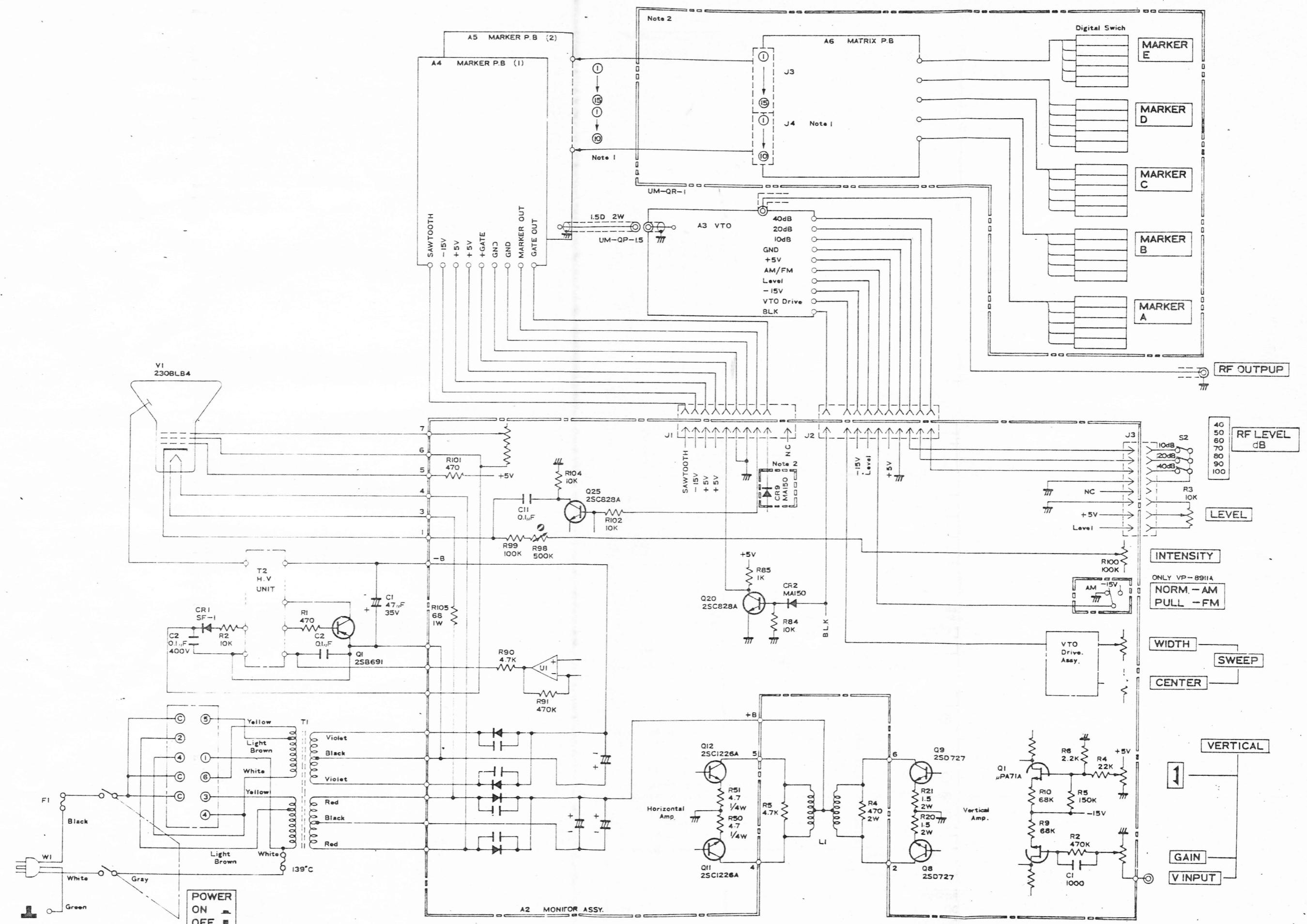






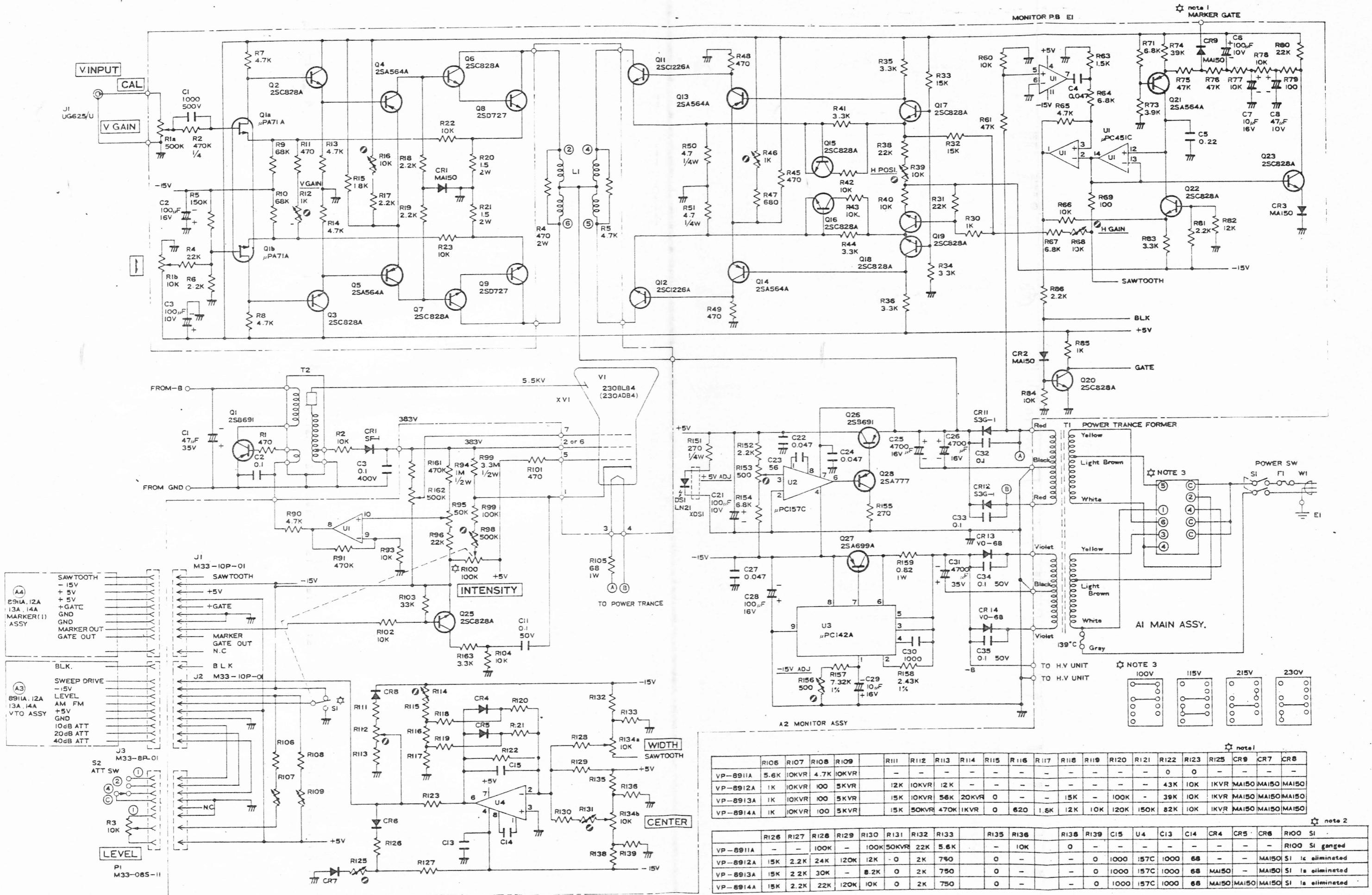
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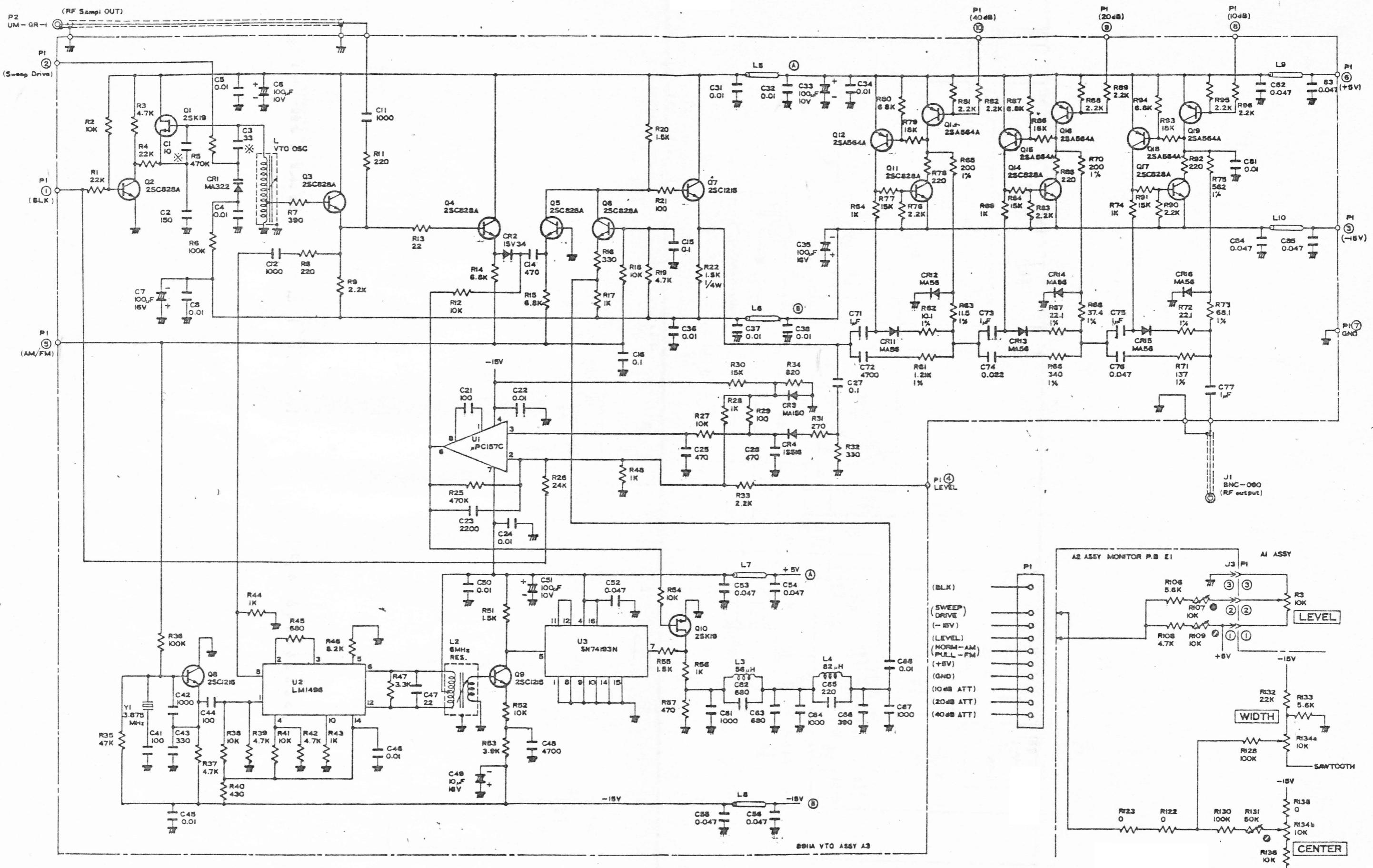


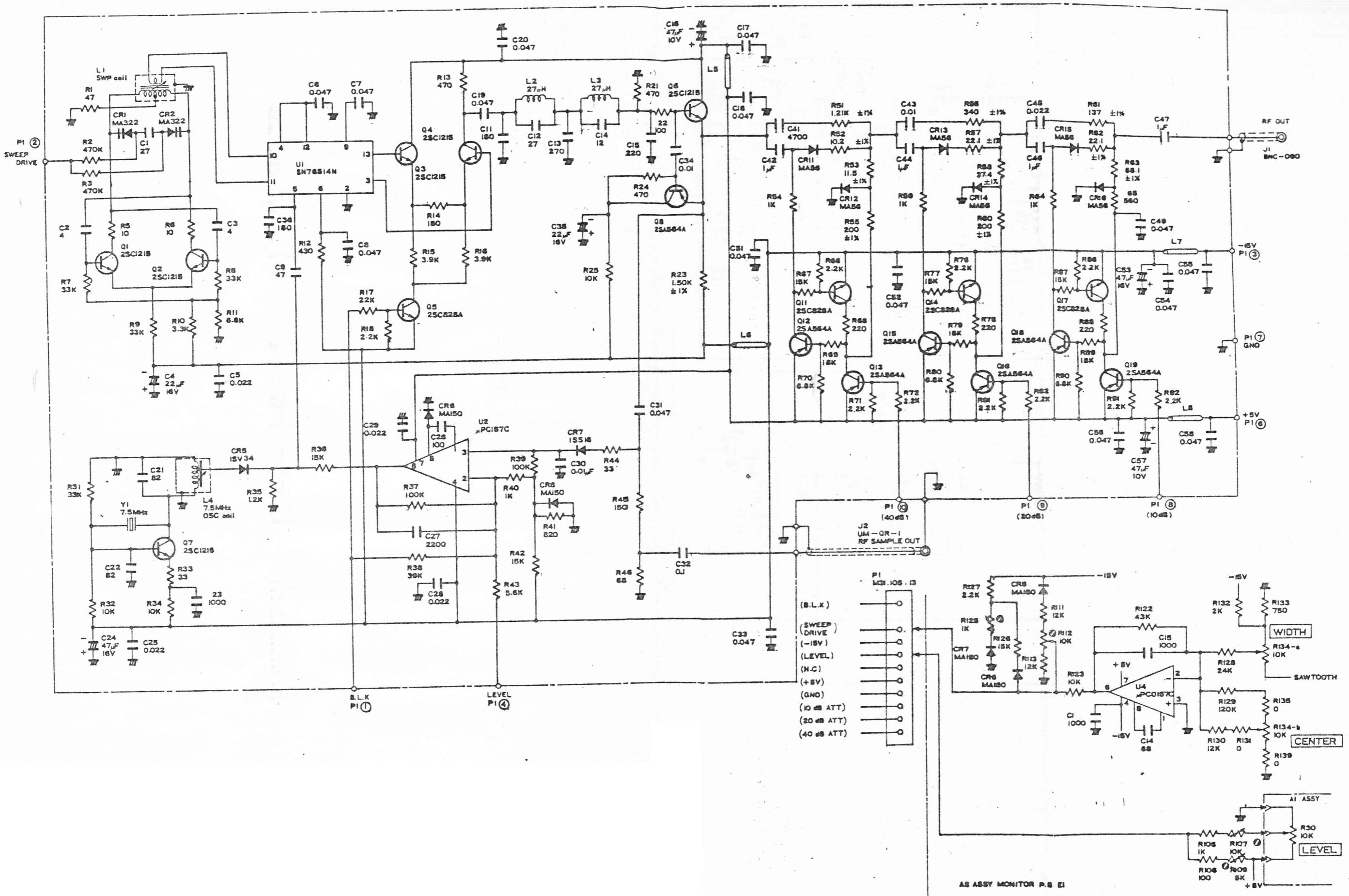


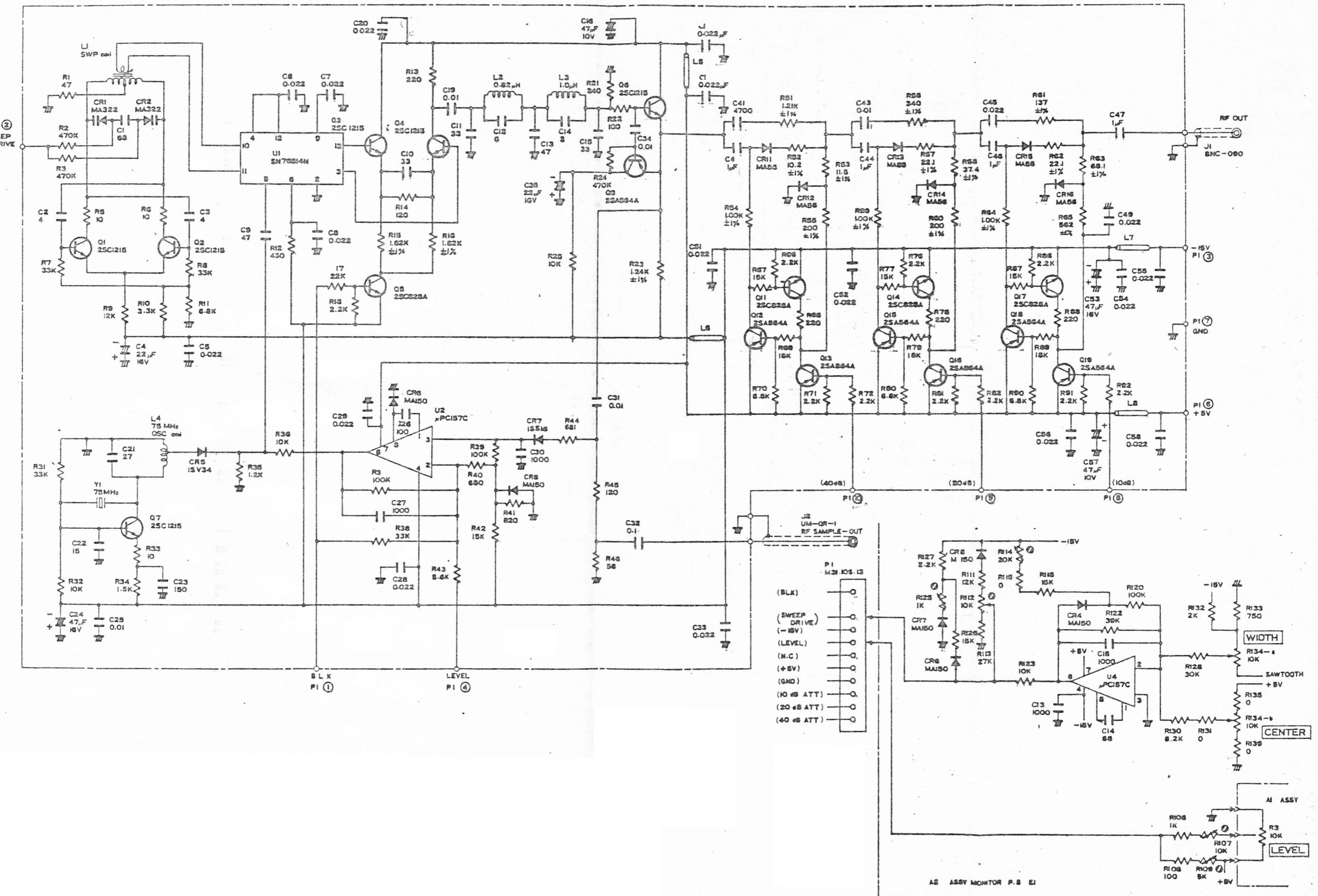
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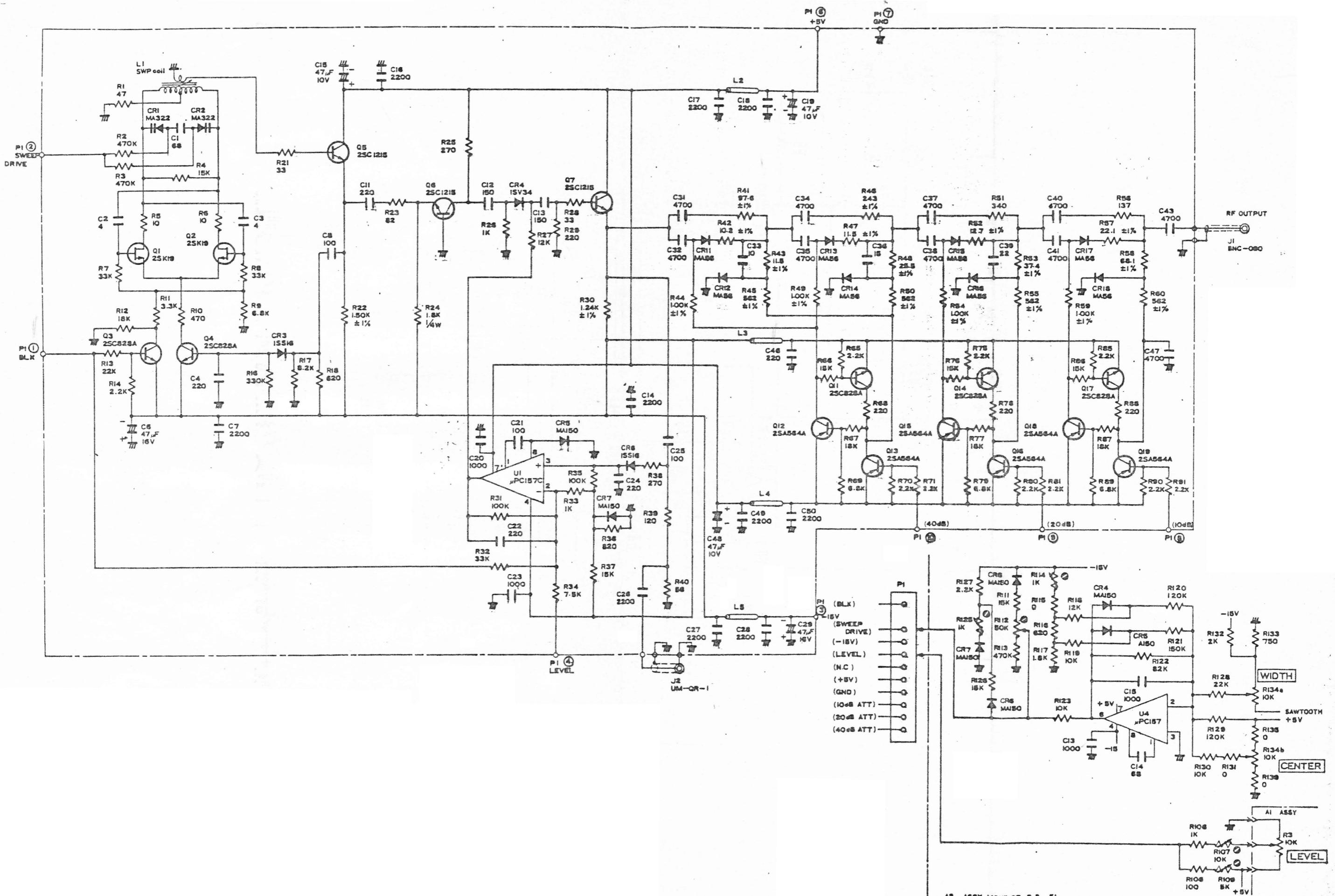
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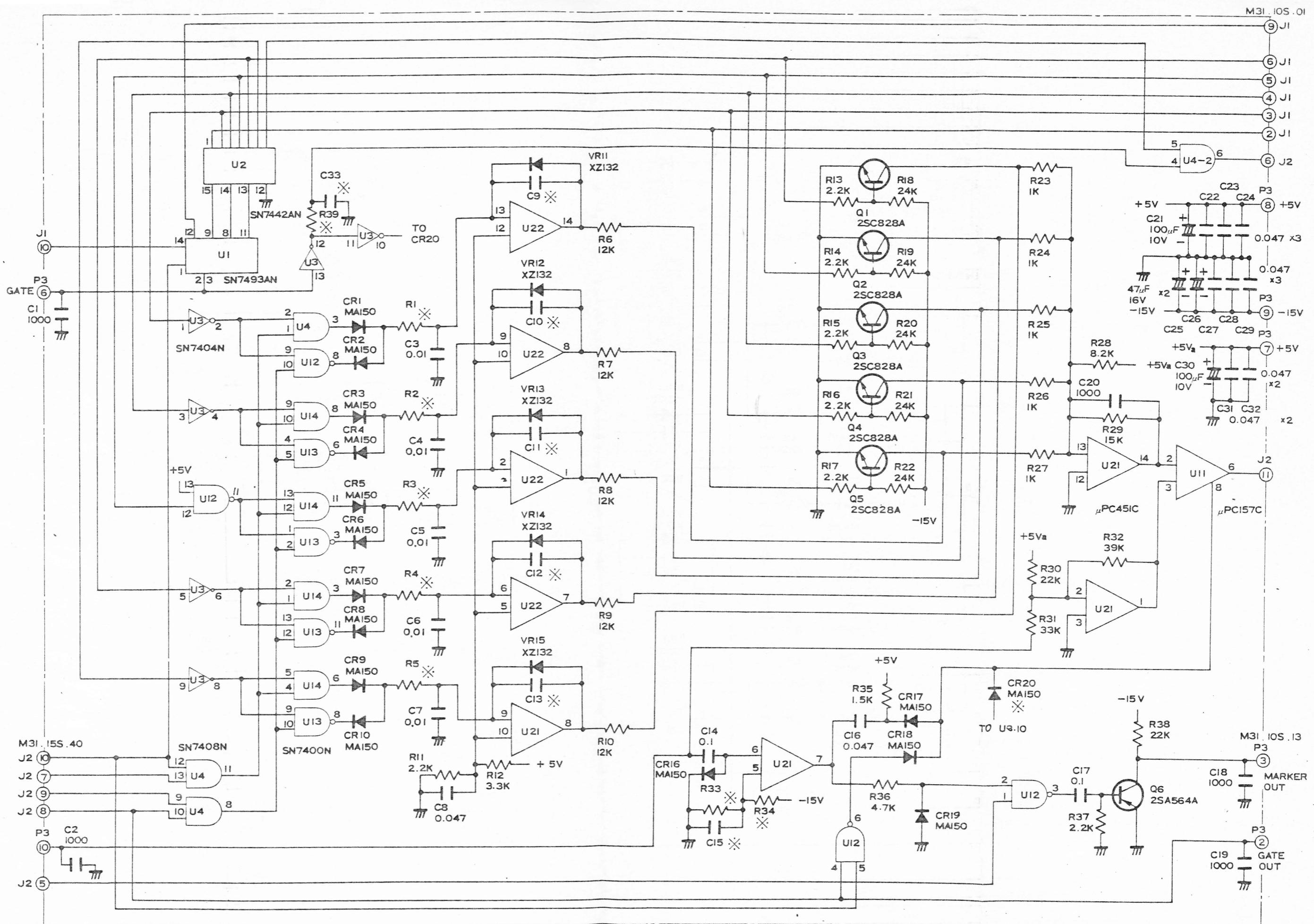






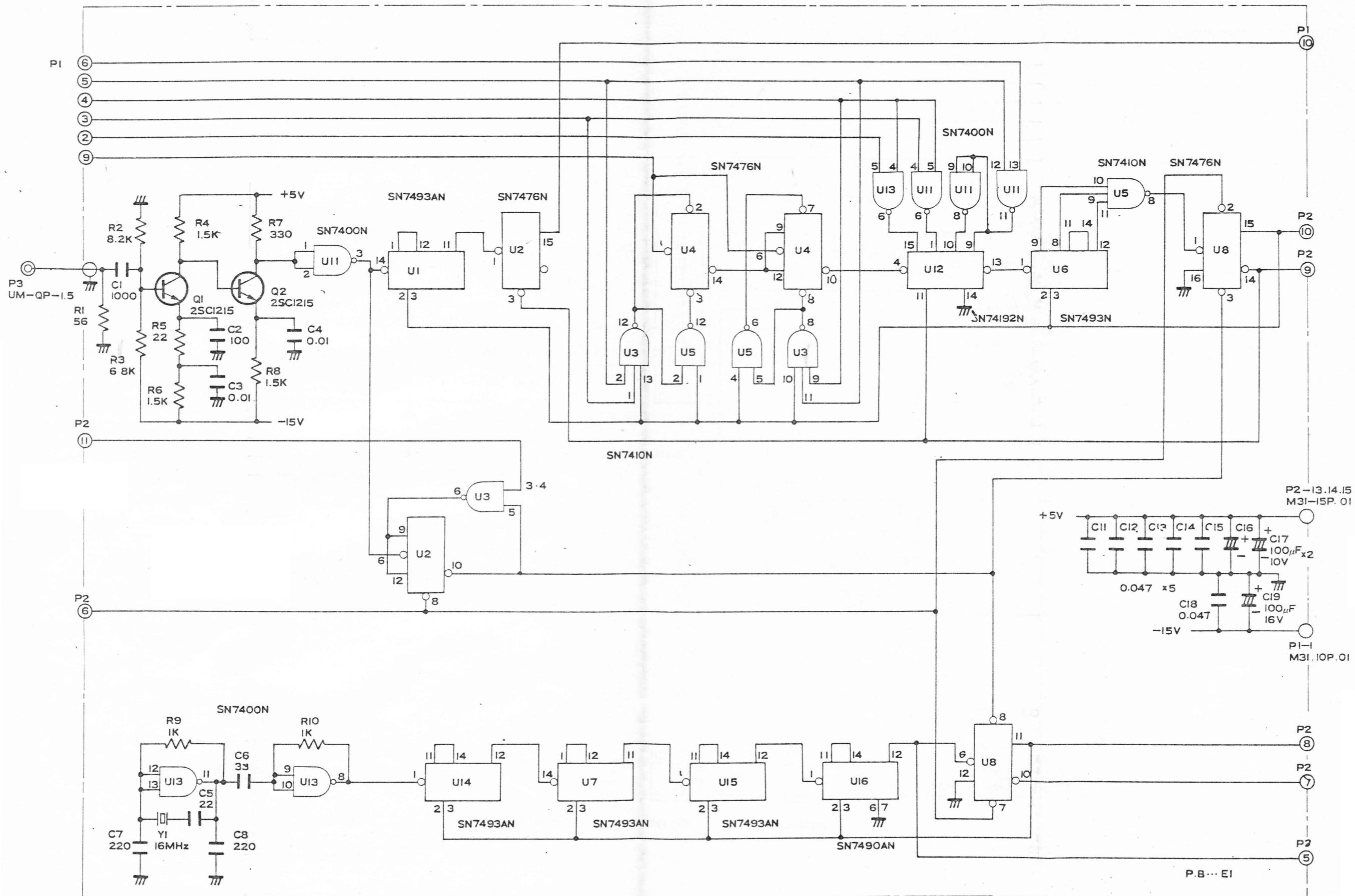


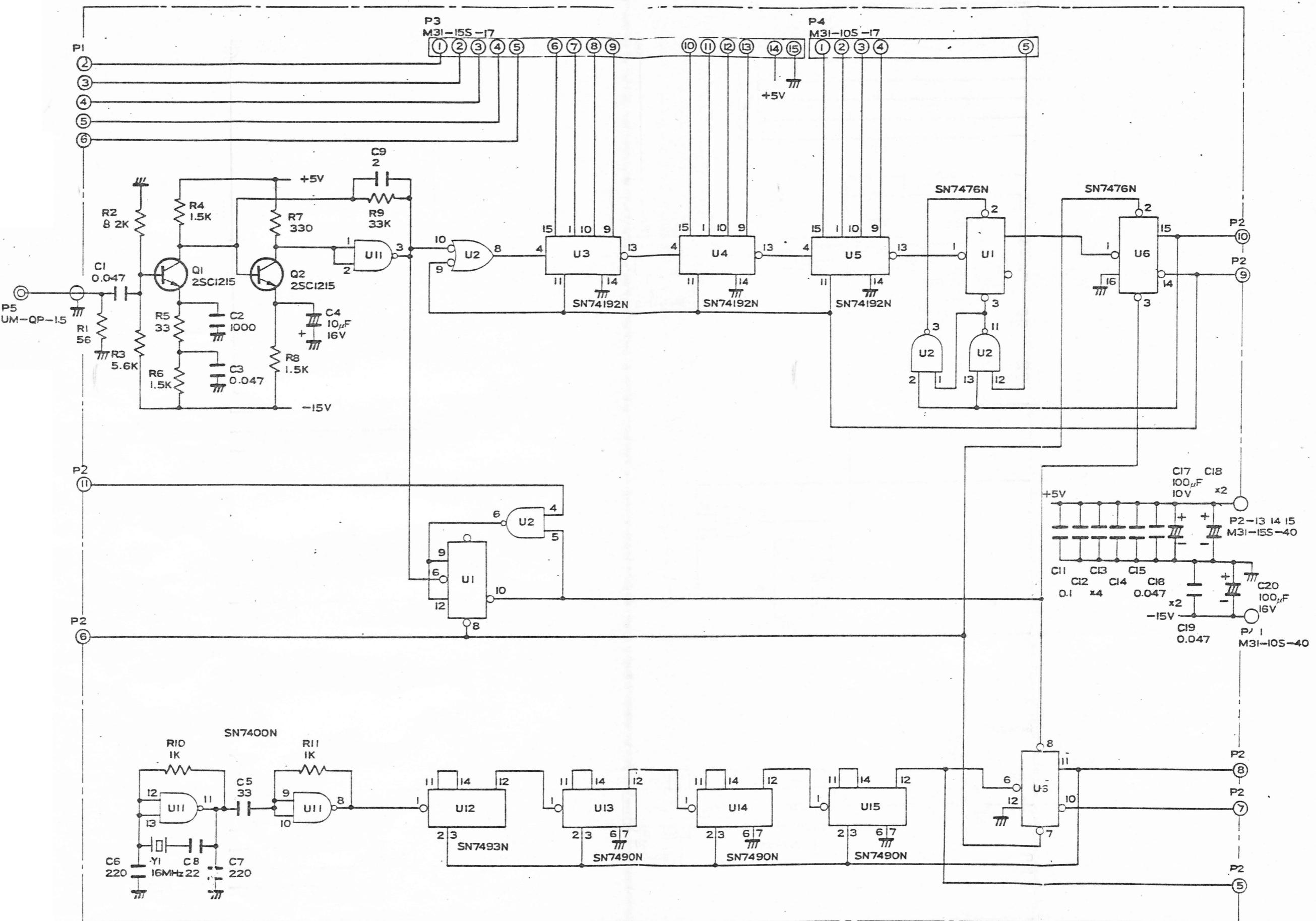


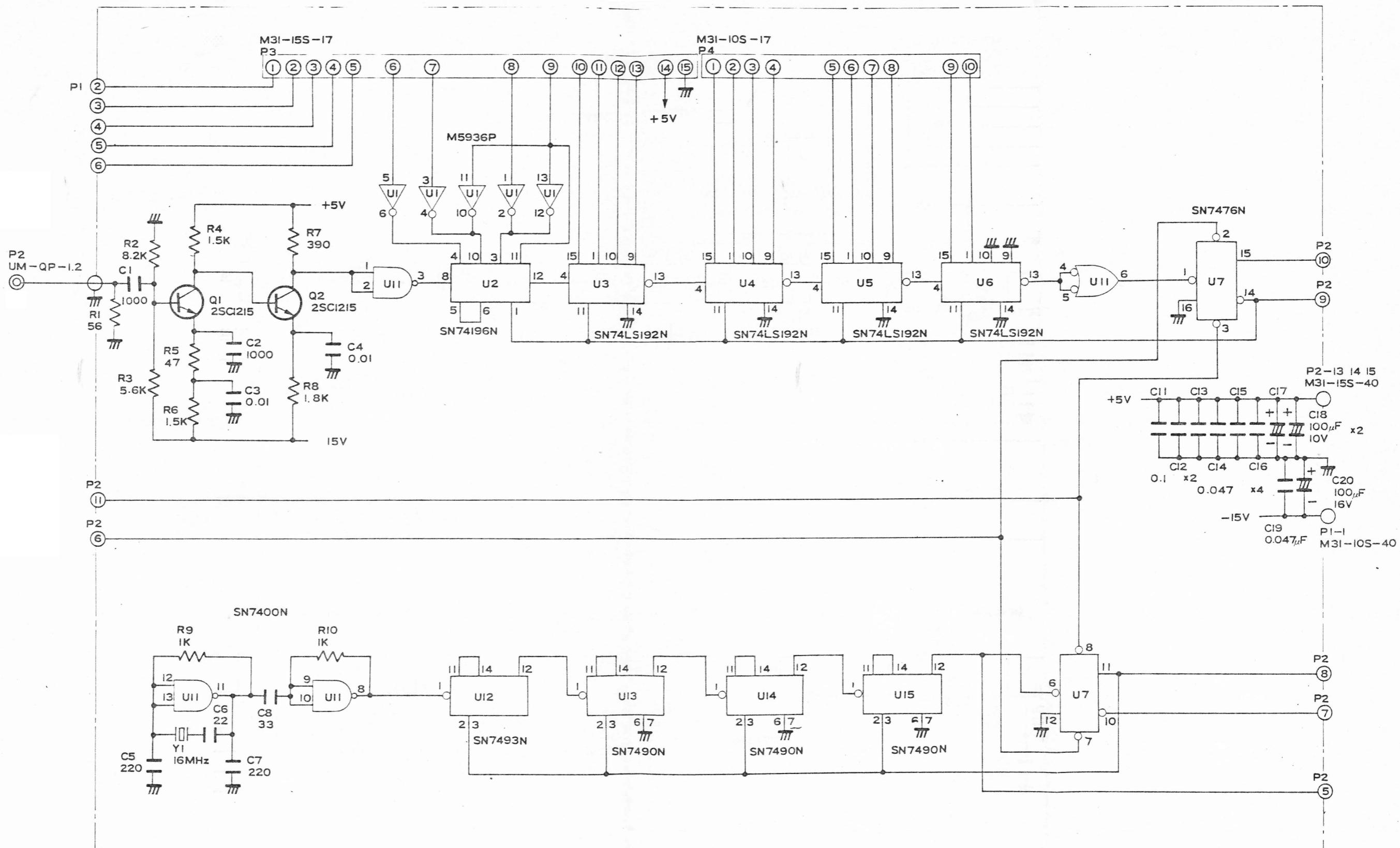


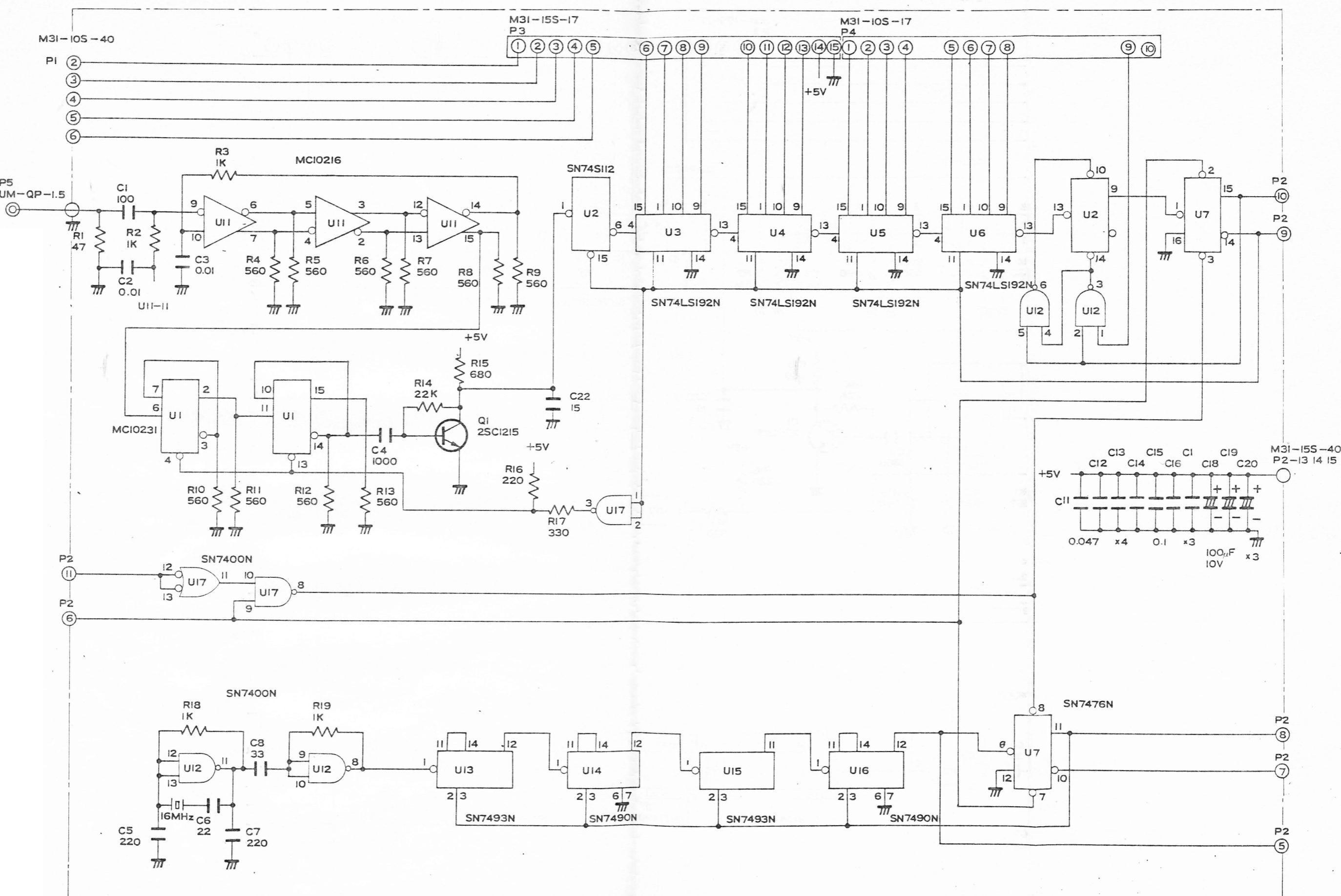
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VP - 8811A	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.047	—	—	22	22	22	22	22	820	22K	0
VP - 8812A	4.7 $\mu$ F	—	—	—	100	100	100	100	100	0	—	0				
VP - 8813A	2.2 $\mu$ F	—	2200	MA150	100	100	100	100	100	0	—	0				
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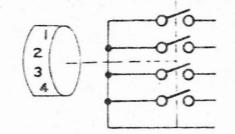
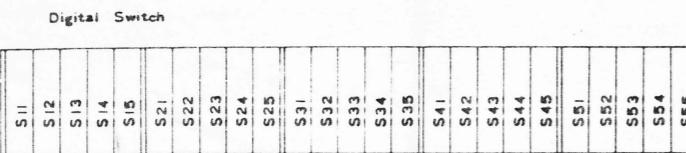
VP-8911A to VP-8914A MARKER (1)











note 1 From Digital Switch  
 S15 - 1  
 ↓ BCD Cord 1  
 Digital Switch S15

note 2 From Digital Switch  
 SSI~55 - C  
 ↓ Digital Switch Common  
 Digital Switch S51, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S8, S9, S10, S11, S12, S13, S14, S15

note 3 U1 to U9 are M5930

In case of  
 LW - MW  $\Rightarrow$   
 VP-8812A

In case of  
 FM  $\Rightarrow$   
 VP-8814A

In case of  
 SW  $\Rightarrow$   
 VP-8813A

